

**MARY WASHINGTON ELDERSTUDY
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
OCTOBER 12, 2012**

The Mary Washington ElderStudy (ES) general membership meeting was held in the Woodard Red Room on October 12, 2012. Treasurer John Thompson verified the presence of a quorum.

President Phil Hall called the meeting to order at 10:13 a.m. and welcomed attendees.

The minutes of the March 16, 2012 minutes were approved as amended.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Administration Committee, John Thompson, Chair (see accompanying report)

The 2012-13 Budget and Year-End Financial Statements were approved by the Board and appeared in the August and October newsletters, respectively. Board-approved grants to University of Mary Washington departments whose faculty presented to ElderStudy were sent July 2012. ElderStudy member Wendell Anderson is conducting the annual audit. The next Committee meeting is 11/27 at 1 p.m. in Woodard Hall.

Curriculum Committee, Alan Zirkle, Chair (see accompanying report)

The Committee is well on its way to formulating the spring semester schedule. A new genealogy group is holding monthly meetings. Members' suggestions for and feedback on sessions are sought. The Committee meets next on 10/18 at 1 p.m. in Woodard Hall.

Membership Committee, Suzanne Willis, Chair (see accompanying report)

ElderStudy had 229 members, including 43 new members, as of October 6. Wegman's director gave permission for the Committee to continue meeting quietly there. The next meeting is 11/6 at 1 p.m. on Wegman's second floor.

TREASURER'S REPORT (accompanies the minutes)

Last year's membership totaled 247, which increased revenue over projections. All expenses were within budget. Assets exceeded expenses by about \$1,700, to be held in reserve in case of increased expenses when the ElderStudy classroom moves next year. September membership fees are 94% of anticipated budget.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

At its May meeting, the Board approved changing General Membership Meetings to the third Wednesdays in October and March, starting next year.

In September, the Board reviewed changes to the *Procedures Manual* presented by the Administration Committee. The Board will conduct its final review on December 5. After Board approval of the revised document, the bylaws will be distributed to members for review and approval at the March general membership meeting. Methods for distributing the complete document were discussed.

Peg Johnson thanked members who toured Kenmore Plantation earlier this week. In response to staff's request, Peg delivered ES brochures for distribution at the museum.

NEW BUSINESS

Eugenia Jones reported the 20th Anniversary Committee is getting in touch with founding members and also wants pictures. Barbara Barrett said today she distributed to the Board a written inventory of materials given her recently by Betty Blaisdell, one of the founders. Those materials include documents dating back to ES' beginnings.

Stew Engel asked if the lack of a crosswalk on College Avenue near Chandler had been followed up—a concern mentioned in the March general membership meeting minutes. It had not. Suzanne Willis volunteered to take up this matter with the campus police.

Alan Zirkle described the now-resolved problem of campus police ticketing everyone who parked in the parking garage visitor spaces as part of a crackdown on student parking there. His visits to the President's office and Susan Knick resulted in tickets given to ES members being vacated. No further incidents have been reported.

OPEN FORUM

Members spoke highly of recent speakers on "Geology of Virginia" and "Cancer Therapies" and of the excellent curriculum this fall. Phil alerted attendees to the upcoming presentation, "Fredericksburg as a Laboratory for Historical Preservation," to be given by Gary Stanton, a UMW faculty member long-sought as an ES speaker.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Barbara Barrett, Secretary

Date Approved: _____